

Group Six Bankers Convention Great Success

Notable Addresses By Prominent Bankers Feature of Day's Program.

BANQUET AT HOTEL ROYAL MUCH ENJOYED

Automobile Ride Over City—Trip Through Mammoth Cotton Mills and Many Other Instructive Features—A Red Letter Day For Lancaster.

The conference of Group Six, South Carolina Bankers' Association was called to order promptly at 12:00 o'clock, Mackey Opera House, Friday, May 26, 1916, by the chairman, Mr. W. R. Scarborough of Bishopville. Invocation by Rev. Hugh R. Murchison of Lancaster. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor C. D. Jones.

Response by Mr. C. H. Yates of Camden, S. C. Mr. Yates, in his highly pleasing way, complimented the business men of Lancaster on the wonderful progress made in this city from an industrial and civic standpoint during the past few years.

The first speaker was Mr. Ira B. Dunlap, president of the National Union Bank, Rock Hill, S. C., on the subject, "The Country Banker's Influence in the Community." Mr. Dunlap is well known to the citizens of Lancaster county and is regarded as one of the most progressive bankers to be found in South Carolina. Mr. Dunlap's address was as follows:

"There is just so much business in your community and after you have gotten your share of that business it is necessary to create more business, if you expect to continue to grow. Of course, we all know that a community is going to grow to a certain extent, even though there is no concerted action on the part of the citizens, but in order to make what we consider real progress, some organized method must be pursued.

How are you going to do this? Some think you should form a Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade, raise a considerable amount of money, advertise extensively and in this way induce people to come in and start new enterprises. This, to my mind, is the hardest way to create new business, and certainly the most expensive way. The simplest way is to utilize the material you have in hand and make it produce more business.

I am thoroughly convinced that our section is unquestionable an agricultural section, rather than a manufacturing section—we should, therefore, push farming. Diversified farming will make a rich set of farmers. Not all farmers will make money in farming along any lines, but there will be more farmers who will make money by farming along diversified lines than they will by

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KITCHIN UPHOLDS NEW NAVAL BILL

Majority Leader Thinks It Lesser Evil.

VOTE TO COME FRIDAY

House Begins Consideration Under Five Minute Rule, to Close This Week.

Washington, May 29.—Majority Leader Kitchin made his promised speech in behalf of the naval appropriation bill in the house to-day, explaining that while he believed the measure provided for greater preparedness on sea than the country really needed he was supporting it because it eliminated the navy department's five year building program. He devoted himself most vigorously to attacking the so-called big navy men, asserting that the present clamor for preparedness was due in the main to hysteria and jingoism.

In opposing the five year program Mr. Kitchin said it would be foolish to contract for ships at present high prices when it was probable that the cost of materials would be much lower after the war.

General debate closed with Mr. Kitchin's speech and the house then began consideration of the bill under the rule permitting five minutes speeches on amendments. This probably will be continued until 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, the hour set for the final vote. The house remained in session until late to-night and the leaders agreed to meet to-morrow at the usual hour instead of recessing over Memorial day.

Representatives Farr of Pennsylvania, Britten of Illinois and Roberts of Massachusetts spoke during the day for the minority with its larger building program, including two dreadnoughts and six battlecruisers instead of the five battlecruisers provided for in the bill. Mr. Farr drew applause from the galleries in declaring in favor of building 25 capital ships, 250 submarines and many aircraft.

Representative Britten denounced the bill as "unscientific, unbalanced and a patchwork of log rolling between pacifists and conservatives."

A score of amendments offered at the close of general debate were promptly voted down.

NOTICE

The members of the Democratic Executive Committee will meet in the Court House, Saturday, June 3rd, at 11:00 a. m.

R. S. STEWART, Chairman.

COMMUNITY FAIR FOR FLINT RIDGE SECTION

Enterprising Citizens Met Saturday Afternoon at Caston School and Organized An Exhibit Association.

Saturday afternoon, May 27, a meeting of some fifty of the enterprising citizens of the Flint Ridge section met at the Caston school building for the purpose of organizing a fall community fair. Luther Ellison and Prof. V. A. Lingle of Lancaster were previously invited to attend the meeting for the purpose of discussing the various details in connection with same.

After considerable discussion on the subject, it was the unanimous opinion that the community should have a fair, and immediately went into organization.

The name was designated as The Flint Ridge Community Fair and the date set for holding same was Tuesday, October 31. An executive committee composed of R. L. Lyles, J. K. Neal, W. J. Bowers, Mrs. W.

L. Criminger, Mrs. J. H. Bowers, P. W. Twitty and Mrs. R. P. Neal was appointed to have exclusive control of the affairs of the association, and to arrange such details as might seem best to them in the successful operation of such an undertaking. The officers elected were Mrs. J. H. Bowers, president; R. L. Lyles, vice-president; J. K. Neal, secretary and P. W. Twitty, treasurer. The following committees were appointed to assist in making the undertaking a success: Advertising, Finance, Program, Premium, Household, Exhibit and School.

These people are very much in earnest about making their community fair a success and expect to bring their entire exhibit to the Lancaster County Fair in the city of Lancaster, which will be, in all probability, the first week in November.

AMERICAN CAMP BEHIND A STONE WALL



View of a small part of the camp of the American troops at Espia, Mexico, protected by a stone wall.

NOTE FROM CARRANZA STRANGELY DELAYED

Still No Definite Word From First Chief in Regard to Withdrawal of American Troops From Mexico. Protest Comes From Foreigners in Tampico. No Border Changes.

Washington, May 29.—State department officials were somewhat mystified over the failure of the new note from Gen. Carranza to reach the department or the Mexican embassy. The department's advisers indicated that it was to be expected yesterday.

Manuel Mendez, the foreign office attache from Mexico City who was supposed to be acting as special messenger, arrived here to-day, but declared he had no knowledge of the note whatever, and merely had come to Washington on a vacation. Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, with whom Mendez conferred, said that none of his messages from the foreign office contained any mention of a new note.

Word that the note was coming and that it probably would renew the suggestion that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico reached the department last week. Later dispatches from Mexico City said the Carranza government was taking precautions to guard against premature publication of the note and that nothing concerning its contents would be revealed until it had been presented in Washington. De facto government officials were quoted as saying they expected it to be handed to Secretary Lansing to-day.

Mr. Arredondo made no appointment at the state department to-day and as to-morrow is a holiday it is certain the note will not be presented until Wednesday, should it arrive to-night or to-morrow.

AMERICAN MARINES AT SAN DOMINGO CITY

Washington, May 29.—Arrival of the cruiser Tennessee at San Domingo City with reinforcements of marines for Rear Admiral Caperton was reported to-day to the navy department. The marines came from Norfolk and Port Royal, S. C., stations.

DORAL-KAN SAYS



Weather forecast for South Carolina: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday, except showers Tuesday northwest portion.

"Encourage harmony and good fellowship among all the people and you will better the entire community."

The Battles Of Verdun And Tyrol Continue

Italians Claim to Be Holding Austrians Despite Fierce Offensive.

GERMANS CAPTURE FRENCH TRENCHES

Gain Section of Defenses About Cumieres—Bitter Struggle on Left Bank of Meuse—Artillery Violently Engaged on Other Side.

The Verdun region and southern Tyrol continue to be the theatres where the most sanguinary battles are taking place. While the Italians are holding back the Austrians from further advances and inflicting heavy losses on them in counter attacks in Tyrol their German allies have been able to make another gain in the capture of about 300 metres of French trenches northwest of the village of Cumieres on the left bank of the Meuse near Verdun.

Fighting of great intensity has been in progress around Hill 304 and between Le Mort Homme and Cumieres, but except near Cumieres all the Germans' vicious onslaughts were set at naught by the vigorous counter offensives of the French.

The sectors east and west of Fort Douaumont and northeast of Verdun have witnessed still another violent artillery duel, but no infantry attacks were launched. The artillery of both sides has been busy along the remainder of the front in France and Belgium.

In Tyrol the Austrians in the Lagarina valley and south of the Hosina torrent threw heavy assaults against the Italian positions, but the Italians repulsed the attackers with considerable losses. On the Asigo plateau the men of two batteries which were surrounded on Monte Musciag by the Austrians were relieved by an Italian regiment and their guns brought safely away.

Except for a report from Petrograd that the Germans have repeatedly bombarded the railway line to the east of Riga, no operation of moment is recounted from the Russian front.

Minor successes have been obtained by the Russians over the Turks in the Rivanouza region of the Caucasus front.

Nothing new has come through with regard to the manoeuvres of the Bulgars in Greek Macedonia where important events are expected because of the Bulgarian advance into Greek territory.

Since the commencement of the war 550 persons have been killed and 1,616 injured in the British Isles by German attacks by sea and air according to a statement made in parliament by the British home secretary.

THE HEARING OF THE NEWLY PROPOSED COUNTY

Arguments For and Against the Proposed New County of "Catawba" Heard by Judge Ernest Moore, Friday.

The matter of the establishment of the proposed new county of "Catawba" was up before Judge Ernest Moore in the court house Friday. The opponents of the new county claim that the constitutional requirements have not been met by its advocates and that the new county is an ill-shaped one contrary to the provisions of an act of the legislature, known as an act to prevent the establishment of what are known as "shoe string" counties. The advocates of the new county, on the other hand, contended that the act in question is unconstitutional. Quite an array of counsel on every side appeared in the case. The attorney for the new county, Mr. Robert C. Welch of Columbia, made the main argument for the creation of the new county. J. Hardin Marion made the chief argument against the county. Messrs A. L. Gaston and J. E. McDonald backed Mr. Marion. Messrs. W. B. Wilson, Jr., Dunlap & Dunlap, J. Harry Foster, Jennings White and Charley Spencer were present.

Judge Moore reserved his decision which will be announced in a few days. The following well known business men of Chester attended the hearing: D. M. Peden, H. S. Ross, D. R. Farthing, S. C. Carter, J. W. Dunovant, H. S. Adams, E. W. Gibson, J. R. Dye, W. H. Peden and R. B. Caldwell.

POWER COMPANY WILL BUILD AT GAFFNEY

Site for Sub-Station and Right of Way Secured in Cherokee Metropolis

Gaffney, May 29.—A representative of the Southern Power company has been in Gaffney for several days engaged in securing the right of way through the city for the purpose of bringing its lines into Gaffney. A site for the sub-station has been secured and the right of way from Gaffney to Rutherfordton, N. C. The line will run by way of Forest City, Carolan and Rutherfordton, and will furnish the mills at those places with power. The Electric Manufacturing and Power company at Gaston Shoals on Broad river has been furnishing power for Gaffney for several years, and so far as is known the service has been satisfactory. The Southern Power company's plant is located at the Ninety Nine Islands, on the same river, but several miles farther from Gaffney. Both plants are located in Cherokee county.

There is generally something about every reformer that some other reformer would like to reform.

LANCASTER ENJOYED COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Session of School Brought to Close—Leonard T. Baker Delivers Masterly Address.

Last week was commencement week in Lancaster and the largest crowds that have ever before assembled in the auditoriums of the two schools to witness school exhibitions crowded the buildings to their utmost capacity. On Thursday night the Hampton Literary society featured the closing exercises of the Central school and the following very interesting program was successfully carried out: Instrumental duet, by Miss Freddie Knight and Miss Belle Williams; impromptu speech by Haecker Billings; dialect in Southern literature, by Miss Iva Nesbit, "Uncle Remus at the Telephone," by Miss Knight; "Last Night," chorus; original story by Miss Pauline Jones Marion; "Dream of Idarion," by Toy Gregory; quartette by the high school; story arranged from "Red Rock," by Wren Bell; "Saved by Petticoats," by Miss Beulah Lin-

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